

RALLY FOR FREEDOM—A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a people to dissolve the political bonds which have unnecessarily restricted them, and to assume the Freedom and Individual Responsibility which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God placed on them in the first instance, a decent respect for the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel this action.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are entitled to equal opportunity, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and Property.

To secure these rights, our Government was instituted by Free Men, deriving its power from the consent of the governed.

Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of the rights of Free People, it is the right of the People to alter it as seems most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Government long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience has shown, that mankind is more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right them by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of socialistic abuses, invariably pursuing the same objective, threatens to reduce them under a tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty to change their government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

Such has been the patient suffering of our citizens; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their system of Government.

They, the Federal Government, have usurped authority never assigned to them by our Constitution, on the basis of which they have passed laws which are destroying our Society, our Economy, and our future as Free Individuals.

They have erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

They have spent the fruits of our labors without thought of the future. They have imposed harsh and unusual taxes, even with representation.

We, therefore, the sovereign citizens of the United States of America, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of Future Generations of Sovereign Citizens of America, solemnly publish and declare, that We Command that, during the next seven years, Congress shall pass no New Law, but shall confine its activities to such as will enable it only to Review, Revise, and Repeal such old laws as have oppressed and confounded our citizens, and reduced their Freedom, their Initiative, and their area of Responsibility, to the detriment of our nation.

We further Command that the Supreme Court and all other Federal Courts base their decisions on strict interpretation of our Constitution, and considering that the words "general Welfare" refer only to the nation as a whole and not to the welfare of citizens as individuals or as groups smaller than the whole. Having decided questions of Justice under the law, it should not be necessary for the courts to assume a continuing burden of administration and enforcement of those decisions.

For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD HOLLAND

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the assessor of the Charter Township of Shelby, MI, Mr. Donald J. Holland. After 35 years of devoted service to the people of Shelby Township, Mr. Holland has decided to retire.

For three and a half decades, the residents knew they could count on Donald Holland to perform his responsibilities with professionalism and competence. In his on-going attempt to serve the public more ably, he has taken numerous leadership positions such as the presidency of the Macomb Assessor's Organization, presidency of the Michigan Assessor's Convention, and State representative to the International Association of Assessing Officers. His work record throughout the years has earned him a State level IV certification.

In addition to his role as the township assessor, Donald Holland has selflessly served on numerous township commissions and organizations including the Shelby Township Economic Development Corp. and the Building Authority. His many civic responsibilities did not prevent him from devoting his time, energy, and talents to many community projects through volunteer work. His role with the Y.M.C.A. and the Bicentennial Commission, as well as many other groups has helped make Shelby Township a popular place to live, work, and raise a family.

After 35 years of public service, I thank him for his efforts and commend him for his work. I am sure that many folks will miss Mr. Holland and he deserves all the best in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering sincere congratulations to him and his family on the event of his retirement.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE ANDREW DOUGLAS: A TRUE CHAMPION

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, the Cleveland AFL-CIO, one of our strongest labor organizations, annually hosts a special reception to honor public officials who are considered champions of working men and women. I was proud to be selected by the AFL-CIO for this honor in 1994. On October 30, 1995, members of the AFL-CIO will gather at Thee Old Factory in Cleveland for the 1995 reception. This year, the Cleveland AFL-CIO will honor Andrew Douglas, an individual who has utilized the high court to champion the cause of justice and fairness.

I am proud to join Cleveland AFL-CIO President, Frank Valenta, and Executive Director, Dick Acton, in saluting Ohio Supreme Court Justice Andrew Douglas. As the Cleveland AFL-CIO prepares to honor this distinguished individual, I want to share some information regarding Justice Douglas with my colleagues in this Chamber and others throughout the Nation.

In November of 1984, Andrew Douglas was elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio. He was reelected to a second term in 1990 with one of the largest victory margins in State history. During his tenure on the bench, Justice Douglas has been a staunch defender of the Constitution. He is known on the Court as the absolutist in the area of the first amendment. Above all, he is a fair and compassionate jurist.

Mr. Speaker, prior to his election to Ohio's highest court, Andrew Douglas was judge of the Sixth District Court of Appeals. His career has also included 20 years of practicing law as a partner with the firm of Winchester and Douglas. Additionally, Andrew Douglas made Ohio history in 1961 when he became the youngest person elected to the Toledo city council. He served as a member of the Council for 19 years. He is also a former special counsel to the attorney general of Ohio.

Justice Douglas is highly respected throughout the state. His memberships include the Toledo, Lucas County, and Ohio State Bar Associations. He is a member of the American Judicature Society, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the International Institute.

Justice Douglas is also the recipient of awards and honors which recognize his untiring dedication and commitment. He was recognized by the Ohio Public Employees Lawyers Association for his vigilant protection of the rights of the working men and women of Ohio. He is the recipient of the Equal Rights Award from the Ohio Employment Lawyers Association, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Toledo. Justice Douglas has also been honored by the Ohio Hispanic Institute of Opportunity, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association, and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Cleveland AFL-CIO, his colleagues on the bench, and his many friends in saluting Supreme Court Justice Andrew Douglas. He is a true champion and role model. I am honored to count him as a friend and associate. He is an exceptional individual whom I take pride in saluting on this special occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO STUDENT PRINCE AND THE FORT

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to a Massachusetts institution celebrating its 60th anniversary, a restaurant with old world charm and atmosphere, the downtown Springfield landmark that features German food specialties known fondly as the Student Prince and the Fort.

Since 1935, the Student Prince has opened its doors for business each day for its fiercely loyal patrons. From its familiar Fort Street location, owner Rupprecht Scherff and his family have hosted a generation of satisfied customers who have made dining at the restaurant a continuing tradition. Known for its fine food and service, the Student Prince and the Fort has become a destination point for those accustomed to a good meal in good company.